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Rediscovery of Hoary Footman *Eilema caniola* (Hb.) (Lep.:Arctiidae) on Anglesey

On the evening of 23 August 2000, I visited the RSPB reserve at South Stack on Anglesey. In 1999 we had found Square-spot Dart *Euxoa obelisca* at this site in early August and the aim of the trip was to survey for that insect. Two m.v. traps were run around the highest car park. The night was very windy, and few moths were caught. Although Square-spot Dart failed to appear, a pristine Hoary Footman *Eilema caniola* was taken at one of the lights.

Both Skinner (*Colour Identification Guide to Moths of the British Isles*. Viking, 1984) and Heath & Emmet (1983. *Moths and Butterflies of Britain and Ireland* vol 9, Harley) give the range of Hoary Footman as the coasts of Devon and Cornwall reaching north to Pembrokeshire and formerly resident on Anglesey. The only records listed in Heath & Emmet (*op. cit.*) for Anglesey are pre-1960. I therefore contacted Doug Murray (the recorder for Anglesey), who kindly informed me that this species was last seen on Anglesey “new Holyhead” in 1949. Given the ideal habitat for the insect at the site and the lack of migrants present on the night in question (only a single Silver Y *Autographa gamma* was caught), it seems highly possible that Hoary Footman is still resident at South Stack.— ADRIAN WANDER, 5 Almond Grove, Weaverham, Cheshire CW8 3ET.